

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES of AMERICA,

NO. 4:16-CV-5017-TOR

Plaintiff,

FINAL ORDER OF FORFEITURE

V.

178.95842915 BITCOINS,

Defendant.

BEFORE THE COURT are the United States' Motion for Entry of the Final

Order of Forfeiture (ECF No. 14) and Motion to Expedite (ECF No. 15). There

being no reason to delay entry of Judgment, the motions will be granted.

Plaintiff, United States of America, alleged in a Verified Complaint for

Forfeiture In Rem that the defendant Bitcoins are subject to forfeiture to the United

States pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981 ECE No. 1

The Court has jurisdiction over this matter by virtue of 28 U.S.C. §§ 1335.

¹ and 1355. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1335.

The defendant property being forfeited is described as follows:

1 - 178.95842915 Bitcoins (BTC) stored in MultiBit wallet
2 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX4XDAd seized
3 by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on or about February 12,
4 2016, pursuant to the execution of a federal seizure warrant.

5 On February 23, 2016, the United States Marshal's Service executed the
6 Warrant of Arrest In Rem. The returned warrant was filed with the Court on
7 March 3, 2016. ECF No. 6.

8 In accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule G(4)(a)(iv)(C), Supplemental Rules
9 for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions, notice of civil
10 forfeiture was posted on an official government website, www.forfeiture.gov,
11 beginning March 3, 2016, and running through April 1, 2016. ECF Nos. 7, 7-1 and
12 7-2. Based upon the internet publication start date of March 3, 2016, the last date
13 to file a timely claim, if direct notice was not received, was May 2, 2016.

14 On June 16, 2016, a Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Forfeiture
15 between the United States and Person "A" was filed herein, which resolved any
16 potential claims of Person "A". ECF No. 12

17 It appearing to the Court that no valid or timely claims have been made with
18 respect to the Defendant property, and any potential claims have been resolved.

19 **ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED:**

- 20 1. The United States' Motion for Entry of the Final Order of Forfeiture
(ECF No. 14) and Motion to Expedite (ECF No. 15) are **GRANTED**.

- 1 2. The Defendant property is forfeited to the United States of America, and
- 2 no right, title, or interest shall exist in any other person.
- 3 3. The United States shall dispose of the forfeited Defendant property in
- 4 accordance with law.
- 5 4. The District Court Executive is directed to enter this Order, enter
- 6 **JUDGMENT** accordingly, provide copies to counsel, and **CLOSE** the
- 7 file.

8 **DATED** August 3, 2016.



Thomas O Rice
THOMAS O. RICE
Chief United States District Judge